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Subject: **REQUEST FOR REFUND TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**  
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To whom it may concern:

Regarding the Monthly Statement of Deposit Account dated August 2005, (copy attached), we believe there is a fee related error therein, which has resulted in a charge to our Deposit Account that appears to be unwarranted. Please refer to the following explanation and issue a refund as soon as possible.

There are 5 independent claims (claims 1, 5, 7, 9 and 22) in the above-identified patent application. Applicant paid for 2 extra independent claims on October 1, 2004. As evidenced by the attached Multiple Dependent Claim Fee Calculation Sheet, the Patent Office erroneously has indicated claim 18 as an independent claim. Claim 18 is not an independent claim, therefore the \$ 88.00 fee charged to the Deposit Account is improper. Please credit our Deposit Account in the amount of \$ 88.00.

Thank you for your time and assistance, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at the above number.

Very truly yours,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By: 

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